



Knightly News



Knights of Columbus - St. Joseph's Highland Creek – Council #11525

Summer/Fall 2013



Grand Knight's message by Bryan Noble

This edition of the Knightly News covers the period of Summer & Fall 2013, or roughly from June to December, and yet I feel as if it is the 'Christmas Newsletter'.

Advent and Christmas dominate our lives just now – from the Parish Advent Spiritual Evening to the distribution of 'Keep Christ in Christmas' buttons, to a busy week of potluck Christmas dinners in the church hall, Christmas shopping, Christmas concerts, Christmas parties; culminating in the church cleaning, Children's Christmas Party, Christmas Carolling at local nursing homes, and finally, our Council's Social. Advent & Christmas all mixed in together – somewhat confusing don't you think – and don't forget a visit to Santa Claus in the local mall.

'It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year' as Andy Williams might sing; the busiest too! But it's a good kind of busy – gratifying & fulfilling – inspired by the coming of the Christ child; as we make time in our lives to spread 'Christmas Cheer' to the less fortunate among us we take time to enjoy ourselves ... kind of like being a Knight!

We make time in our lives for the people, organizations, and events that are important to us – that is volunteering in a nutshell. And that volunteer spirit is at the heart of our membership in the Knights. The precepts of the Order – Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism – are expressed through volunteering our time, talents, & treasure, not for our Council, but for the glory of God. We share what we can and every contribution, no matter how small you think it is, is appreciated & valued – not just by the Council, or the recipient, but to our Father in heaven. Our efforts are repaid tenfold in God's graces.

Since June of 2013 our Council has held, or participated in, many events that are highlighted in this edition of the Knightly News. The efforts of our Council's Program Directors are to be applauded – the programs that they oversee are vital to our Council's success. I would also like to thank the 2013-2014 Executive for their continued support & dedicated leadership. The continued leadership of Fr. Michal, our Pastor & Chaplain, has been invaluable. Father's guidance and quiet 'behind the scenes' support has been a tremendous blessing.

Our new State Deputy, Kevin Daudlin, has brought a new & infectious spirit of competitiveness to the somewhat dusty world of state administration. Fraternal outreach – connecting with our brothers, and membership growth – recruiting new brothers, are being especially emphasized. Our Order's present health & future vitality depend on engagement & growth. These are areas that our Council also needs to address in the New Year.

I would like to thank all of our Council's members for your support during the last year. To paraphrase Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta – together our Council has accomplished 'something beautiful for God'. As we eagerly await the coming of our 'Divine Messiah' this Advent with expectant hope and joy, allow me to wish you and every member of your family, a blessed Advent, a Merry Christmas, and a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Bryan Noble, Grand Knight



Chaplain's Corner by Fr. Michal Jurkowski, C.S.Sp



SPRING FORWARD FALL BACK

The clock is moved ahead (= losing one hour) in the spring when Daylight Saving Time (DST) starts, and falls back one hour (= gaining one hour) when DST ends in the fall. To remember which way the clock goes, keep in mind "spring forward, fall back" We do this to make better use of the daylight in the evenings, and yes we adjusted our clocks last month.

Immediately following Halloween the stores are adorned with items for Christmas. I went to a mall recently and was taken aback by the crowds and the way people scurried, everyone seemed to be in a hectic rush and in a frenzy to get their shopping done. This is the world we live in, one of constant hustle and bustle.

As of the first of December we Catholics entered the season of Advent. Advent (from the Latin "adventus", which means "arrival" or "coming") is the first season of the liturgical year. It begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. It is a season of spiritual reflection and anticipation, a time for prayer, repentance and fasting followed by celebration and joy. The season is marked by the Advent Wreath, a garland of evergreens and four candles one of which is lit before the Sunday Mass. Purple is the liturgical colour for the season. In many of my homilies I have commented on cleaning our hearts. The Archdiocese of Toronto is celebrating a Day of Confessions throughout the archdiocese on December 11, this year and our parish advent reconciliation service is being held on December 16 with several priests available to hear confessions. Let us prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus, this Christmas Day.

As has been the tradition our Council here at Saint Joseph's Church continues to be involved in spiritual and community events. Keep Christ in Christmas pins distribution, the annual children's Christmas party, and carol singing at the nursing homes will be held later this month. A Remembrance Day ceremony and a spiritual evening held in the church and a pancake breakfast were other recent events held recently by the Knights.

As your Pastor and Chaplain I thank you the Knights for your ongoing contributions to our parish community.

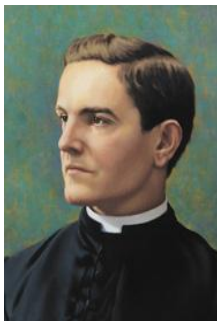
I wish each one of you and your families A Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas and a Bright, Healthy and Prosperous New Year,

God Bless You All.

Fr. Michal Jurkowski CSSp

Chaplain

About the Knights of Columbus



Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society.

The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.



Mike McManus - KofC Community Director

TAKING THE RIGHT STEP

My wife and I had been members of St. Joseph's Church for the past ten years, but we were members in name only.

We would attend church weekly and some selective events, but it often felt that we were visitors. This was not because the members were unfriendly, it was because we were afraid or too shy, to make a commitment to joining the many groups that run in this parish. Finally, my wife took "the plunge" and joined Thursday night's Prayer Group. As time went by, she became more comfortable and got to know people and people came to recognize her. I, on the other hand, had not committed to any participation in church activities and continued to feel distant, although deep inside of me there was a gnawing, even a need, to get involved in an activity that would satisfy my need to be accepted, to be part of a useful organization that had a goal of looking after the needs of the church (our parish) and the immediate community. This I found in The Knights of Columbus Council # 11525.

Many years ago, my brother-in-law would talk about this wonderful organization and its works that he belonged to in his parish in Maple. It was the Knights and he would tell of the great camaraderie he experienced and the great things this organization was doing in the church and community. I put it aside and continued my life in my non-committal way as I had my immediate family and my job. However, as the years went by I found myself wanting more and wanting to serve my church and my community and so in 2012 I made the decision to contact the Knights at St. Joseph's and ask them if I could join. My life has never been the same.

Now I enjoy going to church, attending as many activities as I can, and my wife may say I am a happier person because I feel more fulfilled, accepted and closer to God because of the wonderful things I do for the church and community as a member of the Knights. The members of the Knights here at St. Joseph's welcomed me with open arms and made me feel as an equal from the first meeting I attended. I do not mind doing anything for these guys, if I can, because they have treated me like a brother and make me feel that have a special purpose in life – protecting, defending and serving the parish and community. Since I have joined the Knights I have become more confident, committed, stronger in my Catholic faith, and secure in knowing that I am a member of a brotherhood that acts upon the beliefs that we learn in church but sometimes forget to practice.

I highly recommend any male in the parish who feels lost, has a sense of alienation, but has a want to serve, to join The Knights of Columbus Council#11525 here at St. Joseph's Highland Creek. I can guarantee, that like myself, you will be welcomed as an equal, you will be respected as a brother, be given the opportunity to serve the community and when you come to Mass and any other function at church, you will have the knowledge that you are part of the church family and you will be amongst eternal friends.

Mike McManus



John Fernandes - KofC Recorder & Church Director

HOLY EUCHARIST

Dear Bro. Knights,

The Webster's Dictionary gives the meaning of Eucharist as "Sacrament of the Lord's Supper-consecrated elements and thanksgiving". Catechism of the Catholic Church Book (CCCB) describes Eucharist as "the source and summit of the Christian Life". In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith, and our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking (CCCB.1327)

It is a humbling feeling or experience to think and accept that God's generosity to human beings is overwhelming to think about. Despite our weakness, human frailty and most vulnerable to temptation, we live sometimes comfortably with evil, most of the time ignoring God, his commandments and counsels. He continues to express his unconditional love, loyalty and concern for us in innumerable ways, many of which are simply beyond our comprehension. The most astonishing of these ways is that He sent His Son to redeem us through his precious blood (John 3:16). He continues to show his infinite and everlasting love for the mankind through the presence of the Holy Spirit who guides the Church, and is the source of holiness in order that we the "adopted children" may be with God for all eternity. The Holy Spirit as we know is our Comforter, Helper, Remembrance and Advocate before the Heavenly Father, who scrutinizes the will of God.

We sometimes pray after the Mass in the presence of the Tabernacle. Tabernacle is mandated to be a worthy place for the preservation of the Eucharist, which becomes available for times when it is needed for those not able to be present at the Mass. A communal celebration such as Benediction followed by exposition and veneration of the Eucharist is an appropriate way to join in adoration of the Eucharist outside the liturgy of the Mass.

People can lose faith in the Eucharist. Unless we feed our faith in prayer and perseverance, we may fall into a trap of non-belief. Protestantism is a good example how many people lost faith and veered into so called "unchartered waters" on matters of doctrine and belief. The difference between the catholic and protestant view of Eucharist is centered on the belief in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and wine after consecration. The catholic view is that Christ is really present in the Eucharist while Protestant sects believe that Eucharist is merely a memorial of the last supper. It is a tragedy not to believe that Christ would not be able to unite himself with us through the miracle of transubstantiation in the Eucharist, that he would not want to be physically present with us. Faith is a gift. It is offered to all, but everyone is free to accept it or reject it. Hear what Jesus is trying to explain in .Isa.6 (9-1) "You shall indeed hear, but never understand, and you shall indeed see, but never perceive". He told the Apostles "Blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it (Mt.13 (14-17)

Concluding, it is just and fit that we do give worship and honour to Christ in the Eucharist. Don't our hearts burn when we receive him in Holy Communion as the two Disciples did on the road to Emmaus??

Our expectant faith will help us to be blessed!

Wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and happy New Year.

John Fernandes

Recorder



Knights of Columbus Fall Ball

AUTUMN'S PREMIER PARTY

Food, dance, good conversation, fellowship and luck were the key ingredients that made St. Joseph Highland Creek Council #11525's Fall Ball a great success. On October 25th. at the QSSIS Banquet Hall, 125 Knights, wives, family and friends gathered for a night of fun and food at the annual fundraising event which netted over \$3,000 that will be put toward church and community needs.

The night started off with a cocktail hour where attendees could view the prizes offered in the raffle and silent auction, many that were donated by members. This was followed by a delicious meal and dessert leading up to the dancing portion of the night where everyone in attendance had an opportunity to "shake a leg".

The night was entertainingly emceed by Bro. Gerard Johnston while the silent auction was expertly led by Bro. Paul Tuccitto. The council's Donor's Draw Early Bird Draw with a prize of \$500.00 was held and won by Bro. Jason Pinto. A great load of thanks goes to the committee who worked behind the scenes to organize the Ball and who ran the night ensuring that it was a great success. Looking forward to next year's Fall Ball.



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Eric Pinto - KofC Youth Director

Our Altar Servers Ministry has been actively engaged in our parish. We are encouraged to see so many servers participate on a regular basis, at our weekly Eucharistic celebrations. Interest in serving the Ministry continues and we hope to have a formal training for new recruits in the new year.

On October 19, an Altar Servers Awards Ceremony was held at St. Barnabas Parish, Washburn Way, organized by the Toronto Area Serra Clubs to recognize servers who displayed a sense of commitment, responsibility, leadership and dedication to their duties in their respective parishes. Altogether, 131 altar servers from parishes across Scarborough and Durham Regions, received the 'Bishop's Award for Service' medals from our Auxiliary Bishop, Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen, who celebrated mass together with a number of priests from the different parishes. Fr. Francis, Associate Pastor St. Joseph's Highland Creek Parish, concelebrated with the bishop and I was also present to support our 9 servers who received their medals. Brother Carlo Dacca, Financial Secretary KofC was also in attendance. The ceremony was well organized and attended by parents and family members who were invited to a reception afterwards in the parish hall. Once again, our Knights of Columbus Council will hold the Substance Abuse Poster Competition in our four Catholic schools in the parish. Materials for the competition were prepared by me and distributed by Br. Rupert Johnson to the respective schools. All entries will be collected for Council Judging on January 18, 2014. The two best entries in each age category will be submitted for District Judging before the end of January, 2014.

The annual Basketball Free Throw Competition in all four of our Catholic elementary schools has proved to be one of the very popular events amongst the many programs sponsored by the St. Joseph's Highland Creek Council #11525. Schools have already been contacted by Bro. Rupert Johnson, who coordinates this competition which will be held at Cardinal Leger School on January 23, 2014.

Meanwhile, we hope to have some of our altar servers to help with the cleaning of the church, more specifically the Altar Servers Room, on December 14, 2013. They will also assist elsewhere, as needed.

I take this opportunity to wish all Brother Knights and their families a holy and blessed Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year 2014.

Carlo Vacca – Financial Secretary

Our Council is in "good standing" as our Council has met all of our financial commitments for the year. The 2014 membership renewal invoices (\$45.00) will be sent out in mid December. You are asked to renew by or before our first General Meeting of the year (Thursday, January 16th 2014). Thank you those who promptly renew their annual membership dues. The 2013 annual survey will be included with the invoice. The completed survey (required by Supreme) is due by the end of December 2013. Also if you have any changes in status (address, email, telephone etc...) please inform me. This will insure you will be receiving current information, updates and notices from your council.

The many annual reports have been and will be submitted including the semi-annual audits. Our general count will be disbursing two major expenses:

- 1) the councils liability insurance (from January to December 2014)
- 2) the per capita fee – the annual dues to Supreme and Ontario State.

Our charity account is disbursed throughout the year with the ongoing, annual commitments and the chosen request by our Charity Committee.

Remember the success of the ongoing projects and fundraising events of our Council depend on your involvement. Giving your support, while having fun, will help contribute to the accomplishment of our goals. As the end of the first half of our fraternal year approaches, may the Christmas spirit fill your hearts.

I wish you and your families a merry and a Blessed Christmas,
and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year for 2014.

May God bless all. Vivat Jesus.



A look back at some of the events for 2013

Canada Day Parade – July 1st 2013

The 46th annual Scarborough Canada Day Parade was held on Monday, July 1st 2013. The annual KofC participations of councils, assemblies, squire circles, families, and friends were well attended. The weather warm, overcast and dry was perfect for the 4:00 p.m. parade along Brimley Rd. to Lawrence Ave. Our group was 5th in the parade order, a parade that gets larger each year. We marched in formation with our 4th Degree Colour and Honour guards leading the way and with two classic cars ending our group.

The more we walked the more we were pumped with “Patriotism”. Our voices loud and in unison encouraged the large crowd along the parade route to proclaim and celebrate “Canada Day!”. Repeating the loud cheer “Hey, hey what do you say? Happy Canada Day!” echoed back to the end of the parade. Everyone were waving Canadian flags and proudly showing our colours. Our KofC family members and friends were giving out small Canadian flags and pins to the people lined up along the parade route. Our Council’s GK, FS and Community Director along with their spouses, children, grandchildren and friends marched proudly.

This high energy and emotional walk taking less than an hour ended at Lawrence Ave. where shuttle buses transported us back to our parked cars. We rekindled our Canadian spirit for our country is made up of many cultures and faiths. How fortunate we are in this great land of the free, for we should thank God every day and never forget our great democracy. Until next year’s celebration let our voices practice the great Canadian slogan (all year long) “Hey, hey what do you say? Happy Canada Day!”

May you and your family enjoy Canada Day every day.
May God Bless all.

Family Pancake Brunch – Sunday, November 3, 2013

The St. Joseph’s Parish KofC family pancake brunch was held on Sunday, November 3rd 2013 in the church hall after the 11:00 a.m. mass. This event was very successful with 171 tickets at \$5.00 being sold and cash donations of \$175.00. A total of \$787.00 after deduction of expenses was raised for our charity account.

As soon as the parishioners vacated their chairs, the setup crew quickly transformed the hall to accommodate the hungry crowd. Our veteran ladies with assembly line precision served everyone immediately with no delays. The value packed brunch was enjoyed by all with seconds available.

More importantly it brings families together for reunions and celebrations while having a yummy meal. Not only does it fill their tummies it puts a happy smile on their faces. Sunday mass plus brunch equals a “full” Catholic, a proven formula. This also provides an opportunity for membership recruiting, for it demonstrates our motto: “in service to one, in service to all.” As well as three principles of our Order: Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Thanks to all that helped from selling tickets, preparing, cooking, serving, re-filling, setup, cleanup and photography. Also thank you to all who supported this fun and enjoyable family event.

May God Bless all.



A look back at some of the events for 2013

KofC - St. Joseph's Parish Picnic – Adams Park – Sunday July 7, 2013

The committee, usual setup at Adams Park, begins early in the morning (9:00 a.m.) getting ready for the hungry crowds after St. Joseph's 11:00 a.m. mass. The weather was hot humid overcast with a high percentage of rain. The rain held off, heavy at times till the afternoon (after 4:00 p.m.).

This did not stop the friendly soccer game (of lots of slipping and sliding) with Fr. Francis, adults and children. Even with strong winds at times, it was a great day with lots of fun had by all – from face painting, children games, bingo and the finale the sing-a-long with Karen and friends.

A larger crowd with more families, friends and visitors attended the annual St. Joseph's Picnic. Fr. Locky a special guest by way of Africa had his vocation fundraising the previous day. Fr. Michal said the Grace before meals and his BBQ duties, DJ Gerard and MC Bryan made it very entertaining.

But of course, our awesome ladies kept the large crowd very happy and satisfied. The weather was challenging but it did hamper the day's festivities. The annual picnic committee under the leadership of Mario and Mary Campanelli, with many years of experience again accomplished its goals. May God Bless all. Vivat Jesus

Ladies Appreciation and Awards Night – Thursday June 20, 2013

The Grand Knight, Bryan Noble welcomed 87 guests to the Council's annual celebration, from Chris Don Paul DW, spouses of deceased members, special guests and to our church staff. Our Chaplain, Fr. Michal said Grace before meals in his unique style. GK Bryan invited tables in sequence to the grand buffet which was manned by our fellow brothers. The food (Italian) especially prepared for us by Lamanna's Bakery was amazing and plenty for seconds. The meat lasagna, a Lamanna's specialty rocked (flying out of the pan). The cheese trays, fruit platters, assortment of deserts and everyone's favourite, scoops of ice cream in parfait glass with a choice of sprinkles. Refreshments of wine at each table, coffee, tea, and fruit punch, and our own special stock of beverages balanced the very full meal/dinner.

This annual event / social is funded by our Council from the general account. This year, again, the committee has been able to be under budget by 25%. Thanks to the members who have paid their yearly membership dues promptly, for it makes this annual event possible. Also a big thank you to all who help make this event very successful and most enjoyable. The charitable donations for the 2012-2013 fraternal years were listed on the back page of the program and totaling over \$15,000.00

There were remarks from the Chaplain, DW, GK and a vote of thanks from the incoming DGK Man Mattam. Birthday wishes to Associate Pastor Fr. Francis (a 3rd and 4th Degree member) on his 44th on this day. GK Bryan presented the awards (certificates) to the following for the fraternal year 2012-2013:

Knight of the Year: Mani Mattam

Family of the Year: Rupert and Avrie Johnson

Certificates of Merit: Pascal De Souza, Wayne Dillabough, Mark D'Silva, Gerard Johnston, Philip Martin, Michael McManus, Todd Nofall and Vince Tuccitto.

The introduction of the Council's new executive officers for 2013-2014 was made (from election night Thursday May 16 2013 General Meeting). GK Bryan presented to our Pastor and Chaplain, Fr. Michal two cheques (funds of \$1,000.00 each) first the annual donation for the Spiritans Mission work in Madagascar and second a donation to St. Joseph's Parish – building fund for a new refrigerator for the newly renovated office/rectory/residence.

The well organized program ran smooth on time and was interesting. There was plenty of social time which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to our cleanup crew everything was put back in place, clean and quick. "The Knights have left the building". May God Bless all. Vivat Jesus



Knight of Columbus Council #11525

2013 - 2014 Executive Officers & Program Directors

Chaplain; Fr. Michal Jurkowski

Grand Knight; Bryan Noble **Deputy Grand Knight;** Mani Mattam

Chancellor; Mel Rebeiro **Recorder;** John Fernandes **Treasurer;** Frank Taylor
Financial Secretary; Carlo Vacca **Advocate;** Roy van Veen

Warden; Andrew Noble **Inside Guard;** Jason Pinto

Outside Guard; Michael McManus **Outside Guard;** Peter D'Souza **Outside Guard;** Joe Ricupero

1yr Trustee; Socrates Furtado **2yr Trustee;** Alban Moniz **3yr Trustee;** Paul Tuccitto

2014 EVENTS

Stay tuned for additional details but here is a short list of some of the great events that we have planned for the first part of 2014.

January: Pancake Breakfast, Basketball Free Throw

February: Valentine's Dance, Basketball Free Throw Finals (District & Region)

March: Council 11525 – 19th Anniversary, KofC 132nd Anniversary

April: Ontario State KofC Convention

May: SJHC 160th Anniversary Gala Ball, March for Life in Ottawa

June: Ladies Appreciation & Council Awards Night

July: Canada Day Parade, Parish Picnic

Knights of Columbus Council 11525

Executive Committee – The 1st Thursday of every month @7:30pm

General Meeting – 3rd Thursday of every month @7:30pm

If you are interested in becoming a Knight and making a difference

in your community and Parish please speak with any Knight

Or call Bryan Noble at 416-286-6631



Don D'Souza – Knights of Columbus Field Agent

MANY FINE COMPANIES

There are many fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus?

In their rating report on the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor's states that it's 'AAA' rating is based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as 'a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients' is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney, 'Protecting Families for Generations' by means of 'life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.'

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our 'Marketing Code of Ethics' is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements such as 'Thou shall present honestly and accurately, all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision.'

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: 'In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.'

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